

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the 3rd paragraph, lines 13-23, page 49, with the following:

In this respect, absorbance at the peak $A_1(1600\text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ } 1560\text{ cm}^{-1})$ was found on the basis of a height of an absorption maximum in a range of 1600 to 1500 cm^{-1} , where the base line was a straight line joining two points: one point representing absorbance at 1600 cm^{-1} ; and the other point representing absorbance at 1500 cm^{-1} . Absorbance at the peak $A_2(1700\text{ cm}^{-1})$ was found on the basis of a height of an absorption maximum in a range of 1800 to 1600 cm^{-1} , where the base line was a straight line joining two points: one point representing absorbance at 1800 cm^{-1} ; and the other point representing absorbance at 1600 cm^{-1} .

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Original) A film comprising at least a multivalent metal salt of a polycarboxylate-based polymer (A),
wherein the density is not lower than 1.80 g/cm^3 ,
wherein the surface ratio α [the peak surface $S_1(3700\text{ to }2500\text{ cm}^{-1})$ /the peak surface $S_2(1800\text{ to }1500\text{ cm}^{-1})$] of an infrared absorption spectrum is not larger than 2.5,
and
wherein the peak ratio β [the peak $A_1(1560\text{ cm}^{-1})$ /the peak $A_2(1700\text{ cm}^{-1})$] of the infrared absorption spectrum is not smaller than 1.2.